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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 03-769 / 02098US)

In the Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/652,372) Examiner: Christine E. Foster
Filing Date: 08/29/2003) Art Unit: 1641
For: Improvement of Specificity in the) Confirmation No.: 1588
Determination of Antithrombin)

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312

Applicants are submitting this Rule 312 Amendment to correct minor errors associated with the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on May 20, 2008. The Examiner returned the IDS with the Office Action mailed November 19, 2008.

In the Office Action, the Examiner explained that the Lill, *et al.* reference had been considered, but that the Examiner had not initialed the IDS because the citation on the form 1449 is missing a date, and a date is not apparent on the reference itself. Also, the Examiner indicated that she did not consider JP 1017549 and Witt, *et al.* because they are in a foreign language and Applicant had not provided a translation or a concise explanation of the relevance of the references.

With regard to Lill, *et al.*, Applicant has been able to determine the date. Therefore, a new form 1449 is submitted herewith to provide the correct citation and date. With regard to JP 101549 and Witt, *et al.*, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to paragraphs [0003] and [0004] of the specification where these references are cited (JP 101549 is cited as application number JP-96-191434 in paragraph [0004]). A concise explanation of the references is provided

in the specification. The Applicants pointed this out to the Examiner in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 20, 2008 (*see p. 2*). Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner initial the citations for JP 101549 and Witt, *et al.* on the attached form 1449 on the basis of the concise explanation that was already provided.

Because this is not a new IDS, and all the references and concise explanations have already been provided to the Office, Applicants believe that no fee is due for this request. However, if any fee is due, the Office is authorized to deduct it from deposit account no 13-2490. If the Examiner needs copies of anything, or has any questions, she is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted

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